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Applicant : Lieping Chen
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed December 9, 2004, Applicant submits the following comments.

On page 3, lines 15-16, of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner states: "The Examiner's Amendment is made for clarity and does not narrow the claims." Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3 and 58 were not unclear prior to the Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner's Amendment merely removed limitations recited in parent claim 1 which had been added to claims 3 and 58 when claim 1 was cancelled following its final rejection. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on November 29, 2004, Applicant's undersigned representative agreed to the Examiner's amendment of claims 3 and 58 in order to expedite allowance of these claims and because the Examiner's amendment did not narrow their scope.

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